(c) and (d) As per the provision of EIA notification, 1994 and its subsequent amendments, decision on the proposal for environment clearance is taken within 90 days from the date of receipt of all requisite information.

Poshir Dam Project

1232. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the detailed proposal for diversion of forest land of 760 hectares required for Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Project Stage-II (Poshir Dam Project) is pending with the Department of Forests; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the environment clearance is likely to be given to this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No proposal for diversion of forest land has been received by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(b) The proposal for grant of environmental clearance received by the Ministry has been closed as requisite details pertaining to flora and fauna were not furnished by the State Government. Also, Environment Impact Assessment report of the project has not been received from the project authority. Similarly, Public Hearing as required under Law has also not been carried out.

Pollution in Ganga river

†1233. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that river Ganges flows along 2,525 kilometres in the country;

(b) if not, the facts thereof, and whether it is also a fact that nearby 1000 big and small towns inhabited along the banks of this river;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, the actual number thereof and whether dirty sewer water from these cities and polluted water from various industries flow into it; and

(d) if so, the estimated extent of polluted water and the percentage it constitutes of the water available in the river Ganges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to an inventory report of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), it is reported that there are 16 Class-I cities and 16 Class-II towns situated along the river Ganges which contribute significantly to the pollution of Ganges river due to generation of domestic and industrial waste water. The total wastewater generated from these urban centers including industries is about 2838 million liter per day (mld). About 437 km. stretch of Ganges river is reported to be polluted out of its total length of 2525 kms.

Hotels polluting the sea beach

1234. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the hotels in Puri, Orissa have been found polluting the beach by releasing untreated waste water into the sea beach regularly;

(b) whether around 22 such hotels in the above holy place are under scanner; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of the Centre to help the State to ensure that the beach of this holy city is kept clean and pollution free?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The hotels located near sea beach at Puri have made provisions for septic tanks for wastewater treatment. The treated wastewater from these hotels is discharged to the underground sewer leading to Sewage Treatment System located at Bankimuhan. However, there are occasional incidents of sewage overflow due to chocking of sewer lines during peak tourist flow